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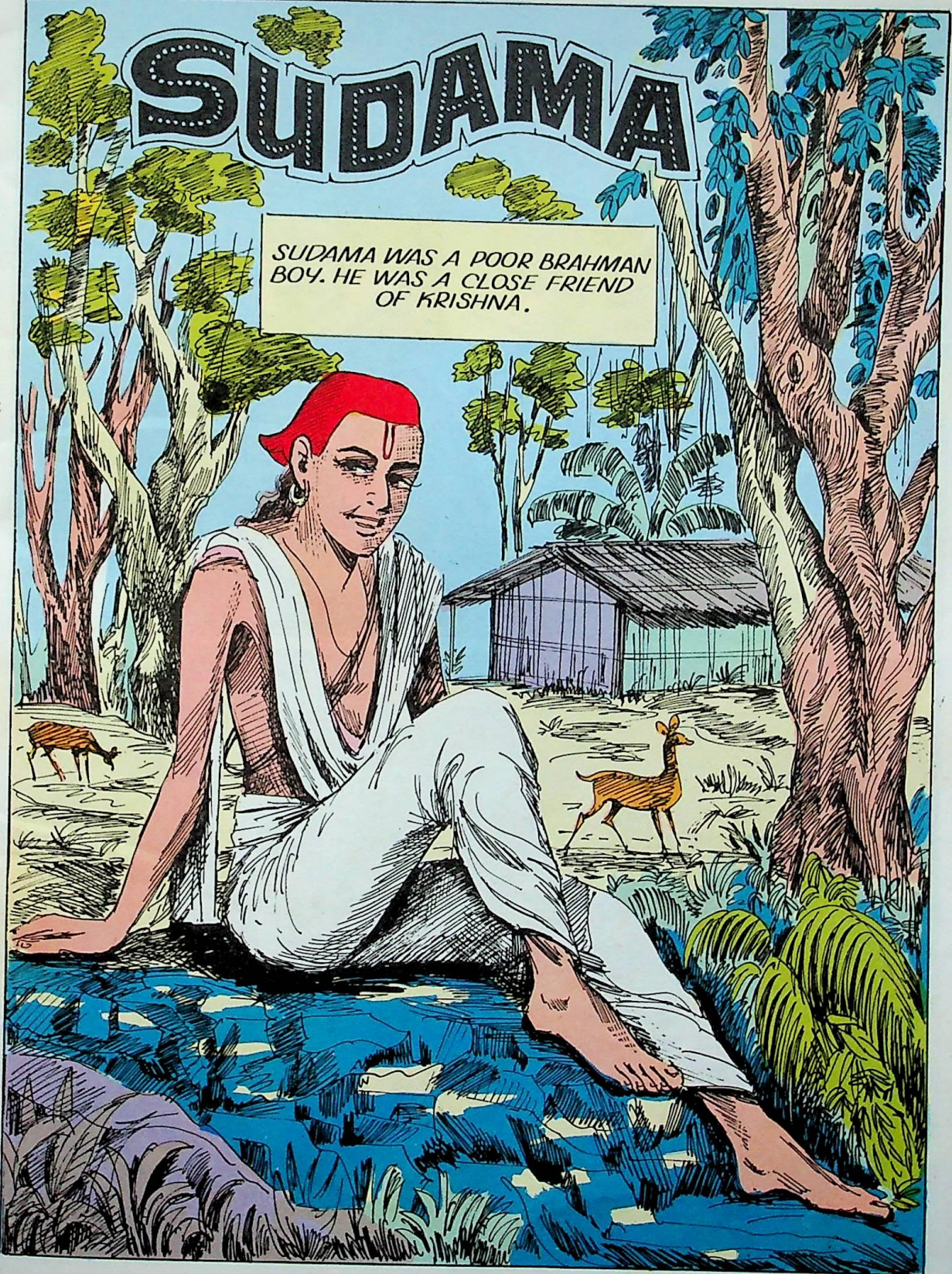
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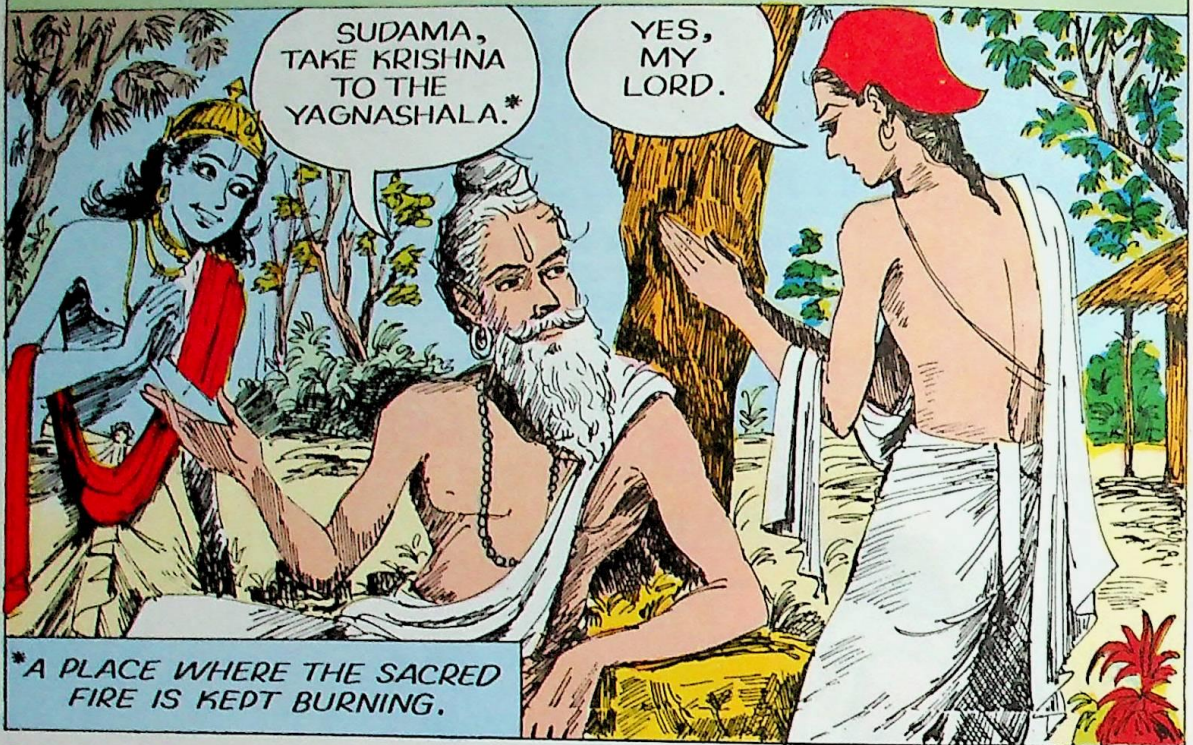
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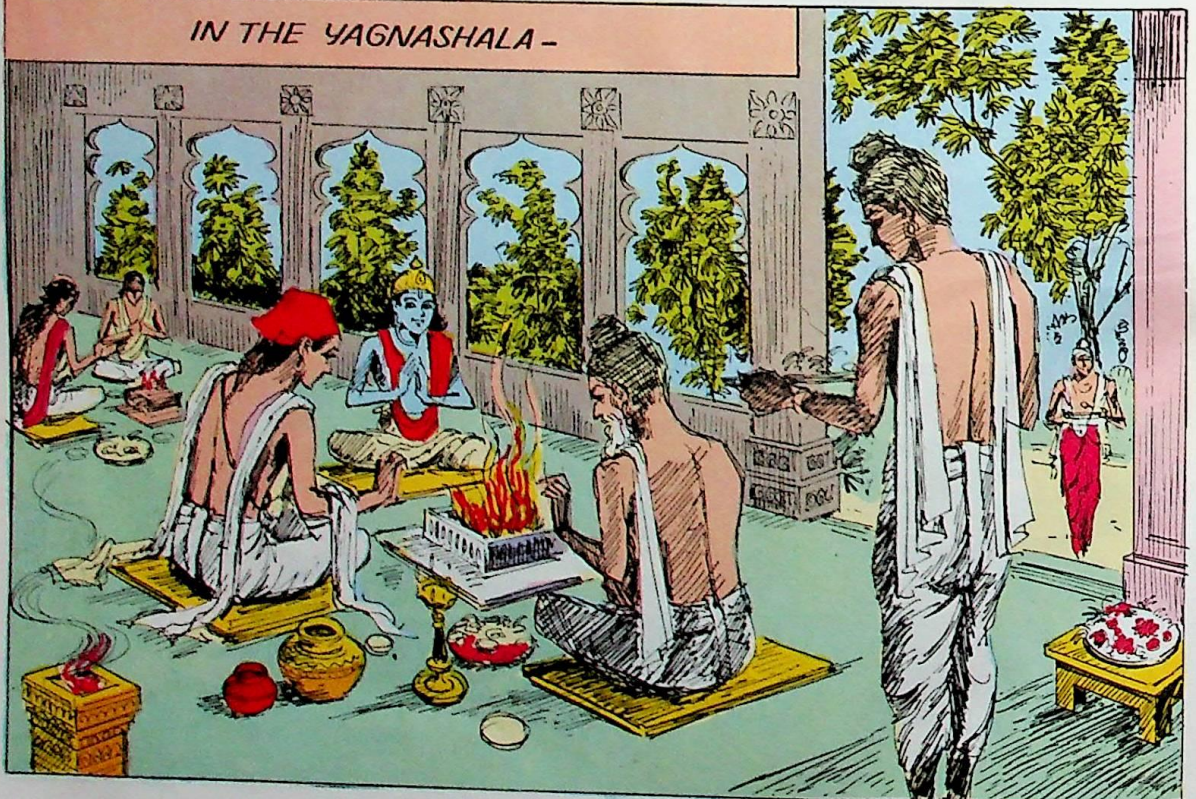
*SUDAMA WAS A POOR BRAHMAN
BOY. HE WAS A CLOSE FRIEND
OF KRISHNA.*



SUDAMA AND KRISHNA HAD MET IN GURU SANDIPANI'S ASHRAM.



IN THE YAGNASHALA -





SUDAMA OFTEN PRACTISED WITH KRISHNA.



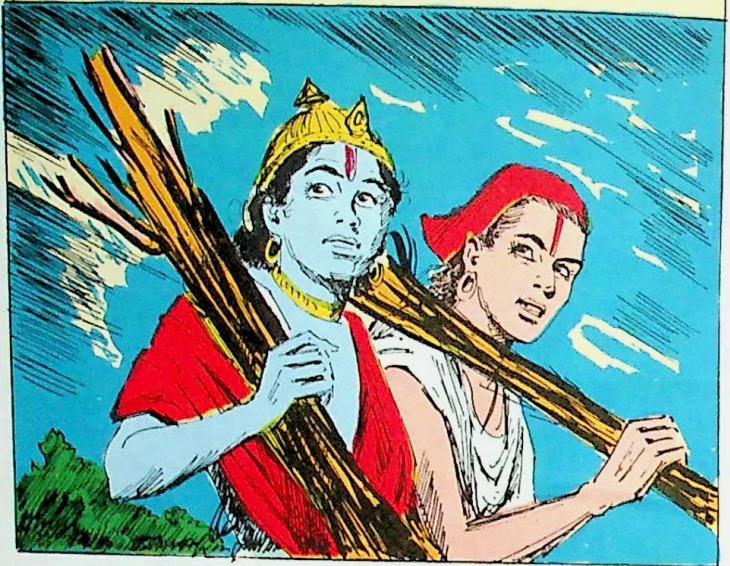
ONE DAY, SANDIPANI'S WIFE CALLED THE BOYS TO HER.



SOON AFTER THEY
ENTERED THE FOREST...



...A TERRIBLE STORM BROKE OUT.



KRISHNA!



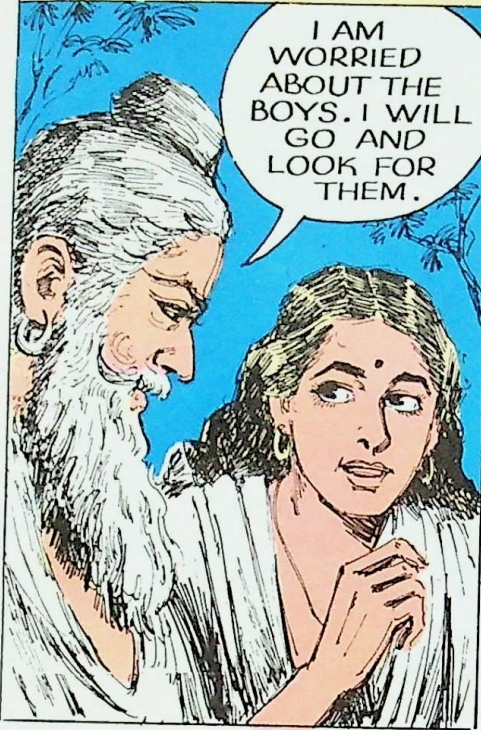
AT LAST THE STORM CLEARED, BUT
NIGHT HAD FALLEN.

WE HAVE
LOST OUR
WAY.

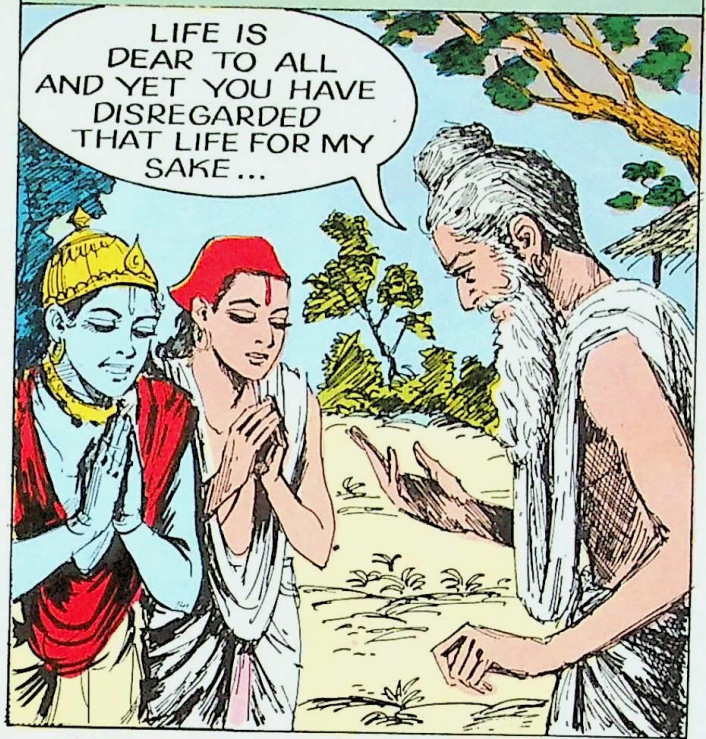
DO NOT BE
FRIGHTENED, SUDAMA.
I AM WITH YOU.



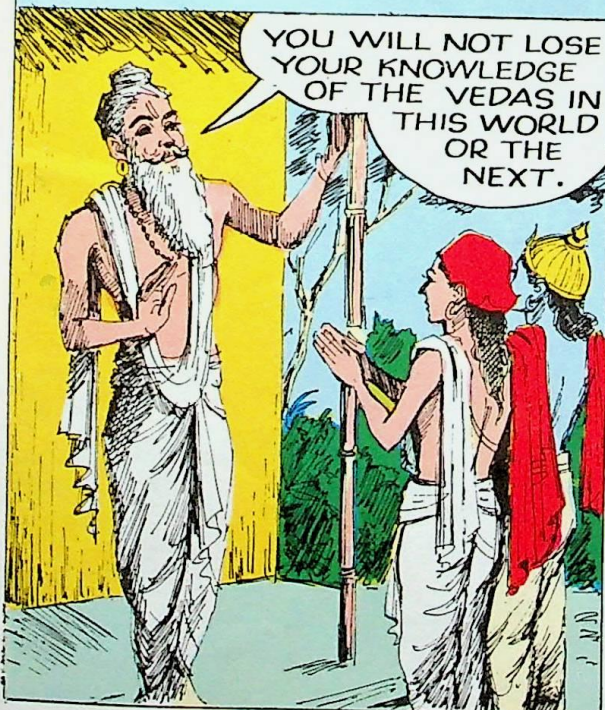
WHEN THE BOYS DID NOT RETURN -



GURU SANDIPANI FOUND THE BOYS AFTER A LONG SEARCH.



AND HE GRANTED THEM A BOON.



AT LAST THE PERIOD OF THEIR STUDIES WAS OVER.



BUT I SHALL
ALWAYS
REMEMBER
YOU.

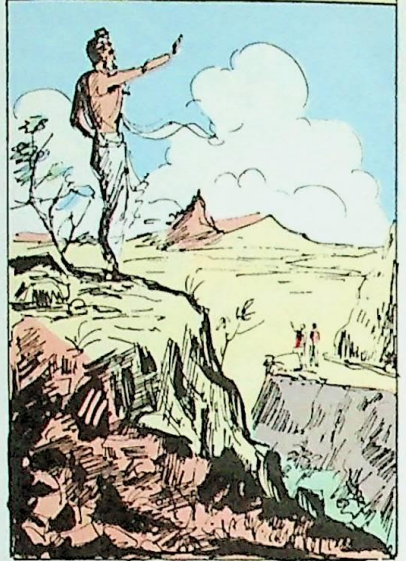
AND
I
YOU.



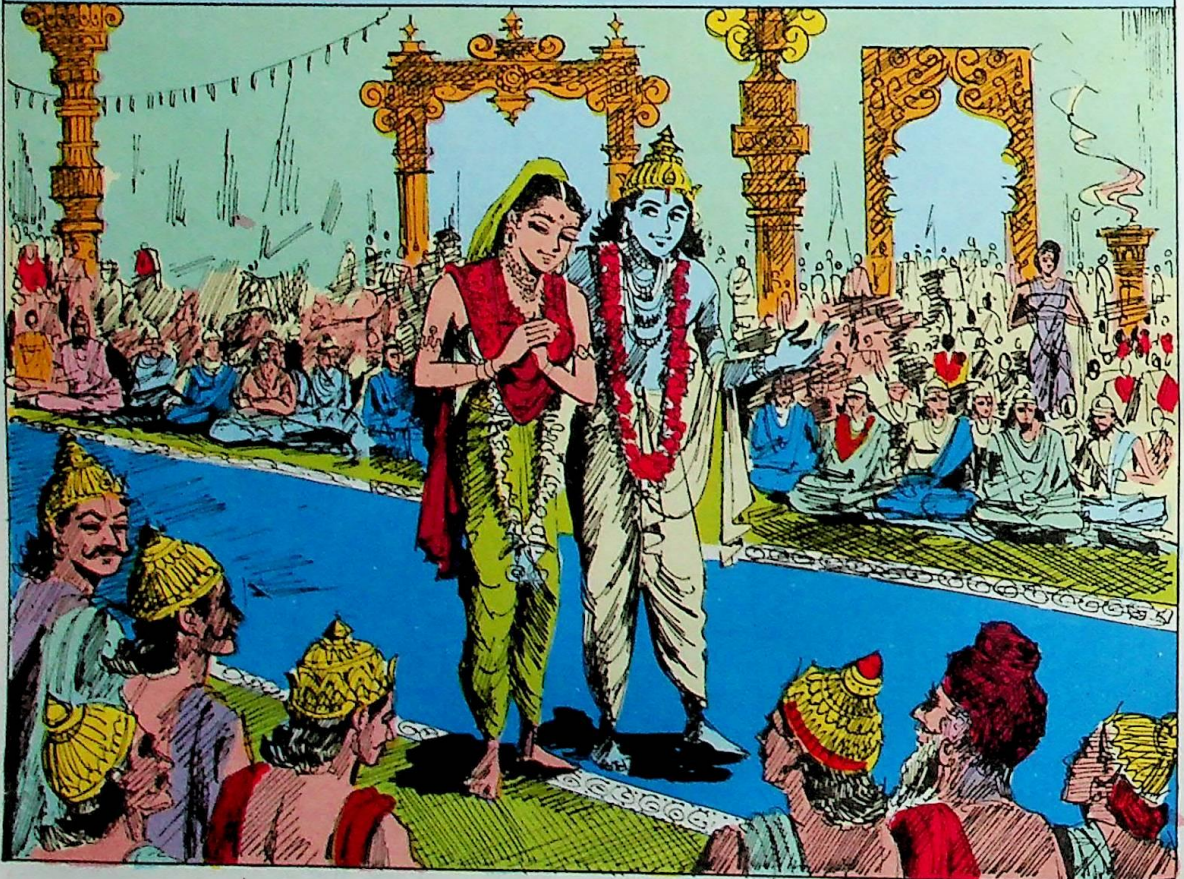
THEY TOOK LEAVE
OF GURU SANDIPANI...



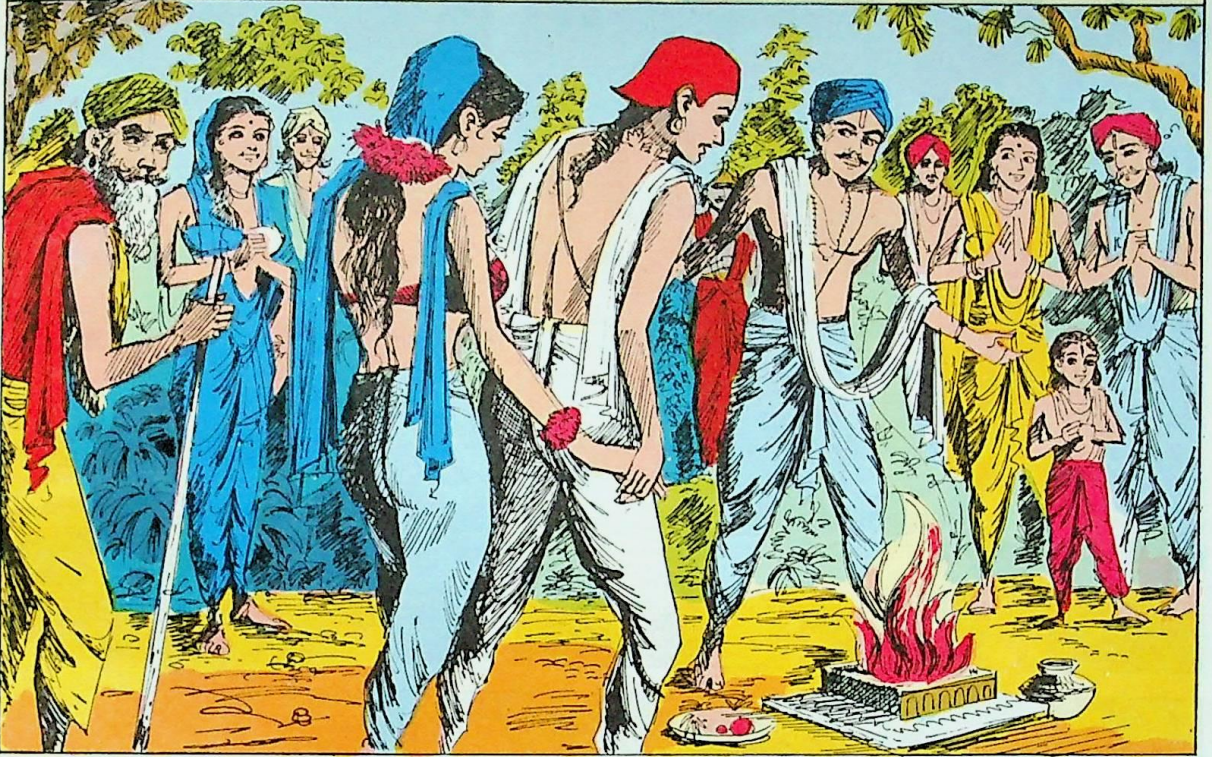
...AND LEFT THE
ASHRAM.



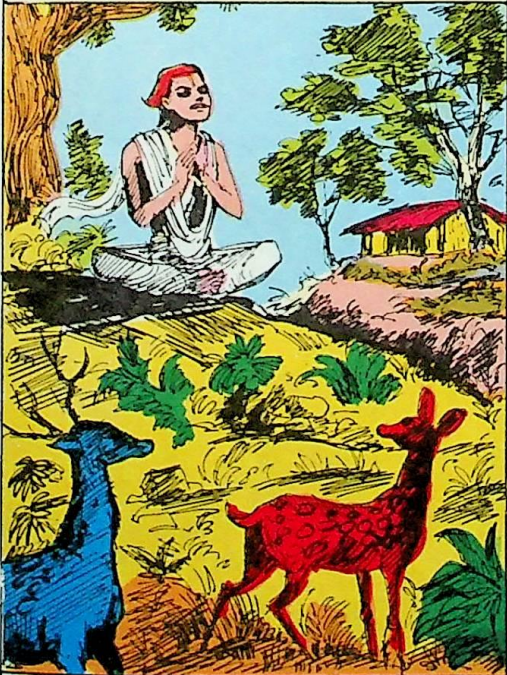
YEARS PASSED. KRISHNA BECAME THE LORD OF DWARKA AND MARRIED
PRINCESS RUKMINI, THE GODDESS OF PROSPERITY INCARNATE.



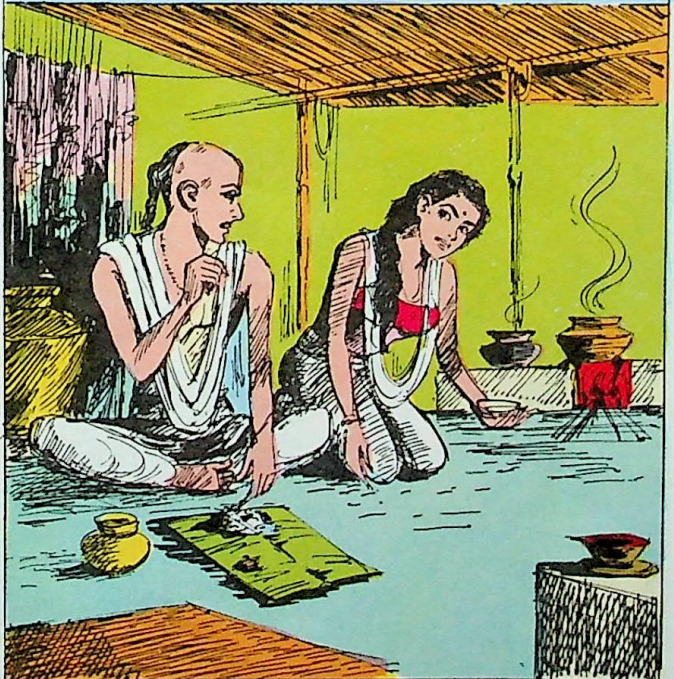
SUDAMA MARRIED A BRAHMAN GIRL .



*HE DID NOT CARE FOR
WORLDLY PLEASURES...*



...AND LIVED IN DIRE POVERTY.



EVERYONE LOVED SUDAMA AND HE
HAD NO ENEMIES.



BUT HIS WIFE WAS SORELY
TRIED BY THE LIFE SHE
HAD TO LEAD.



SHE PATIENTLY BORE IT ALL...



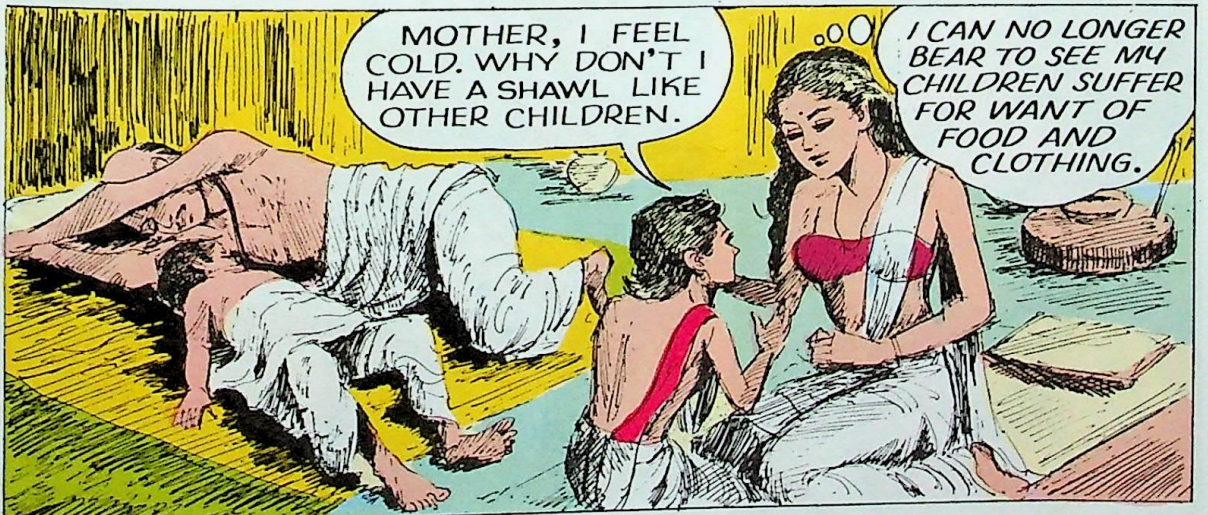
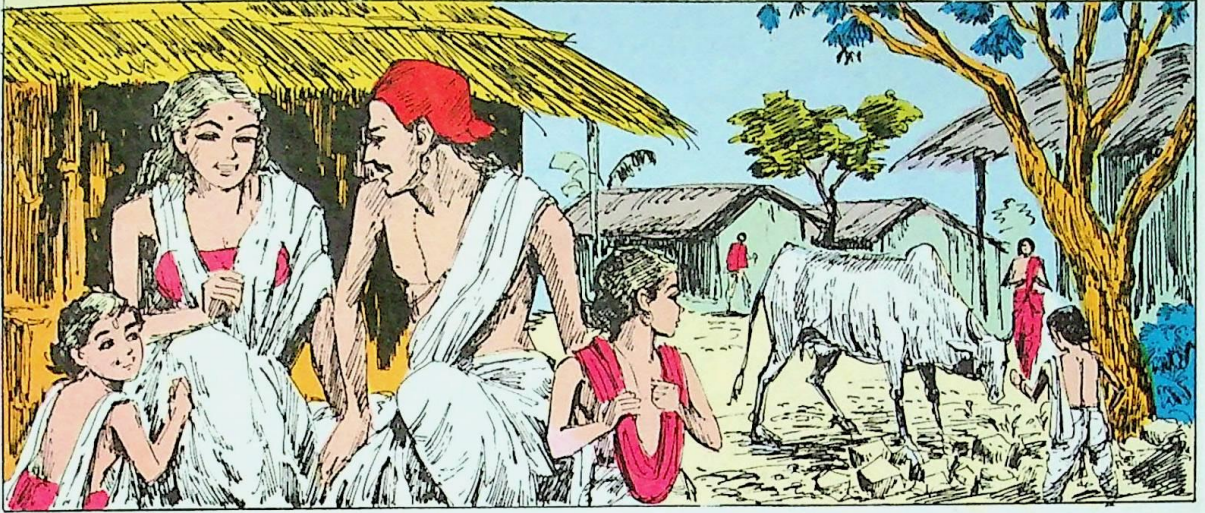
THE LOVE OF
MY LORD
SUSTAINS ME.

...FOR SHE LOOKED UPON SUDAMA
AS HER GOD.

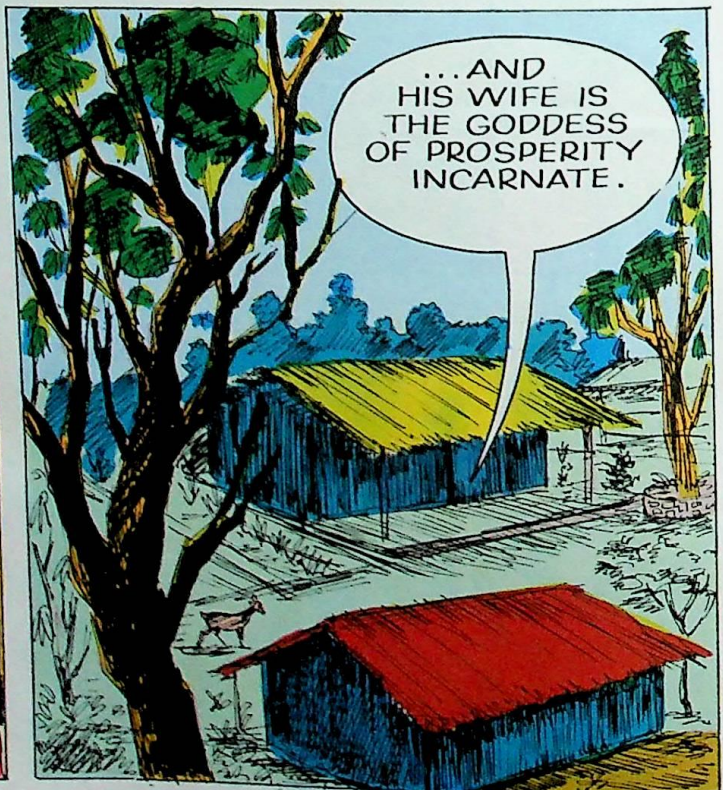
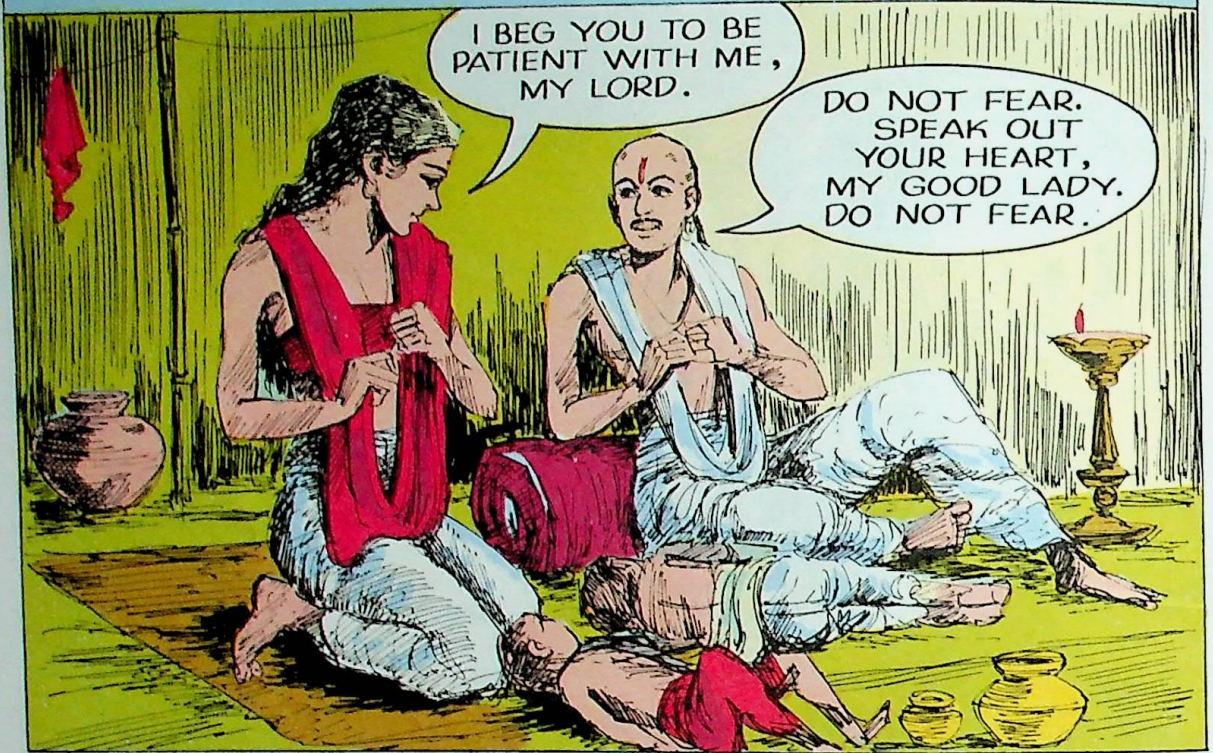


HE IS
MY GOD!

SOON CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THEM AND THE CHILDREN TOO HAD TO LEAD AN AUSTERE LIFE.



THAT NIGHT WHEN THE CHILDREN HAD SLEPT —



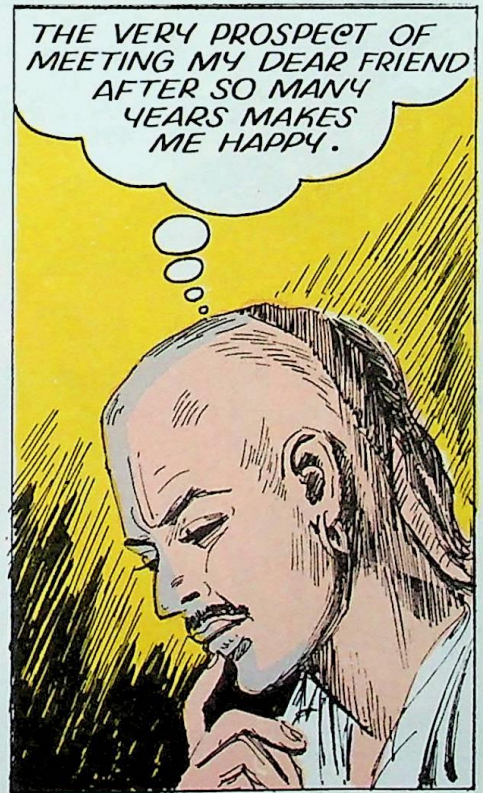
THE PROSPERITY OF DWARKA FLASHED BEFORE HER MIND'S EYE.

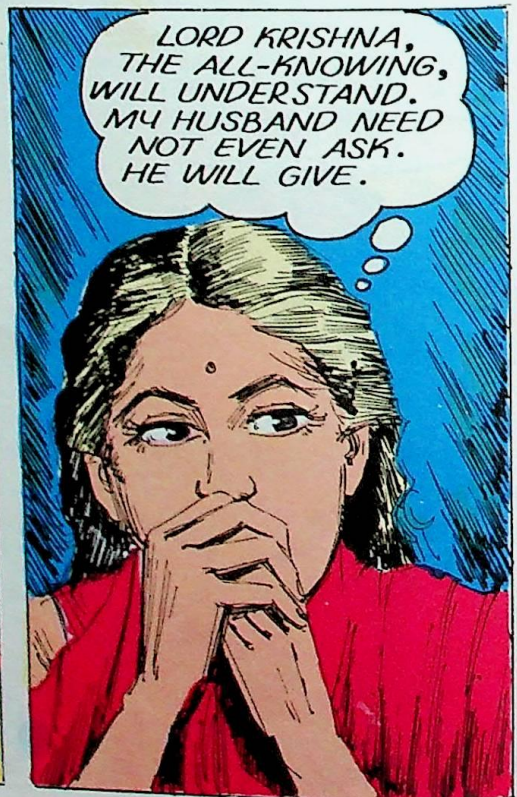
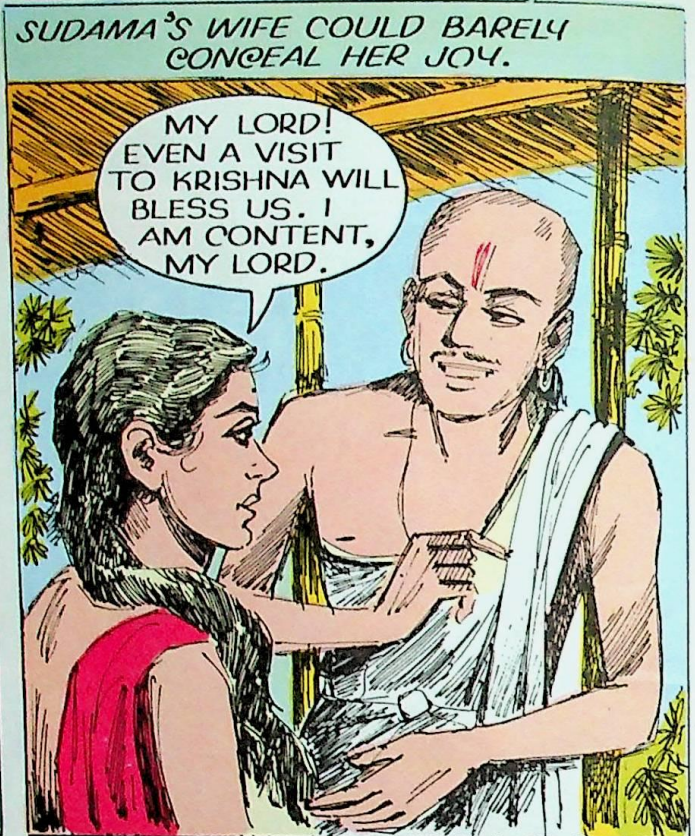
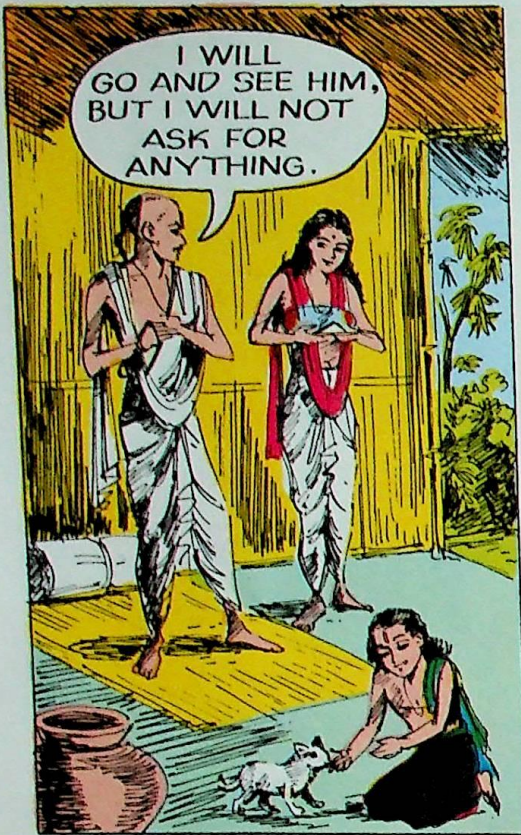


GO MY LORD, I BESEECH
YOU, FOR THE SAKE OF
OUR DEAR CHILDREN
AND MEET KRISHNA.



THE VERY PROSPECT OF
MEETING MY DEAR FRIEND
AFTER SO MANY
YEARS MAKES
ME HAPPY.

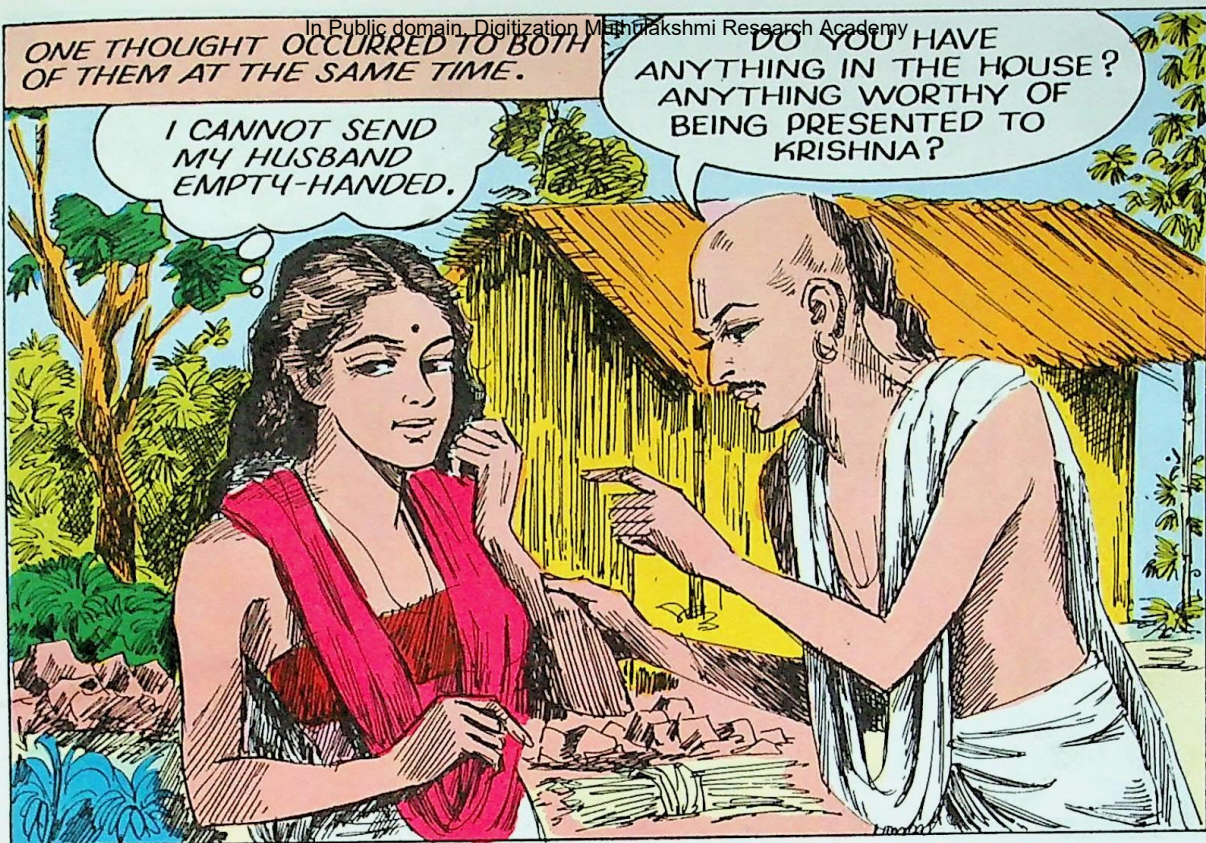




ONE THOUGHT OCCURRED TO BOTH OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME.

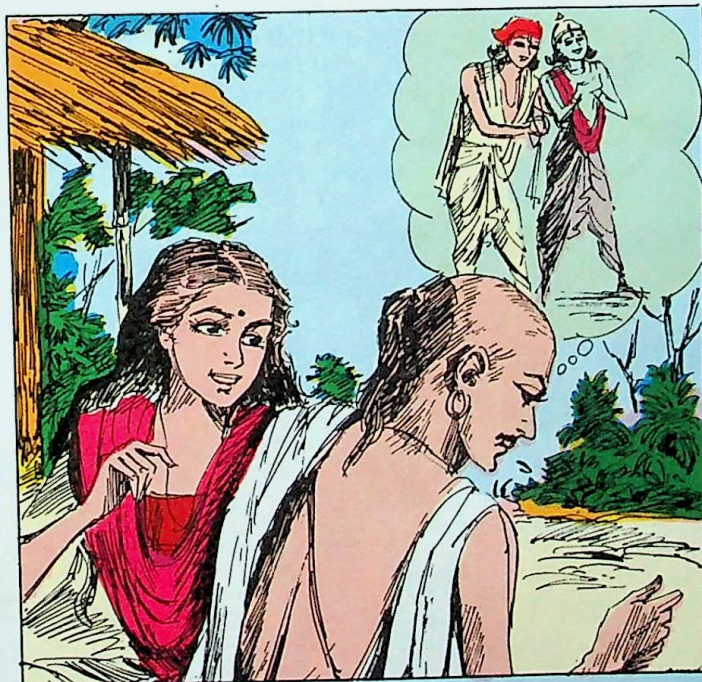
I CANNOT SEND MY HUSBAND EMPTY-HANDED.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN THE HOUSE? ANYTHING WORTHY OF BEING PRESENTED TO KRISHNA?



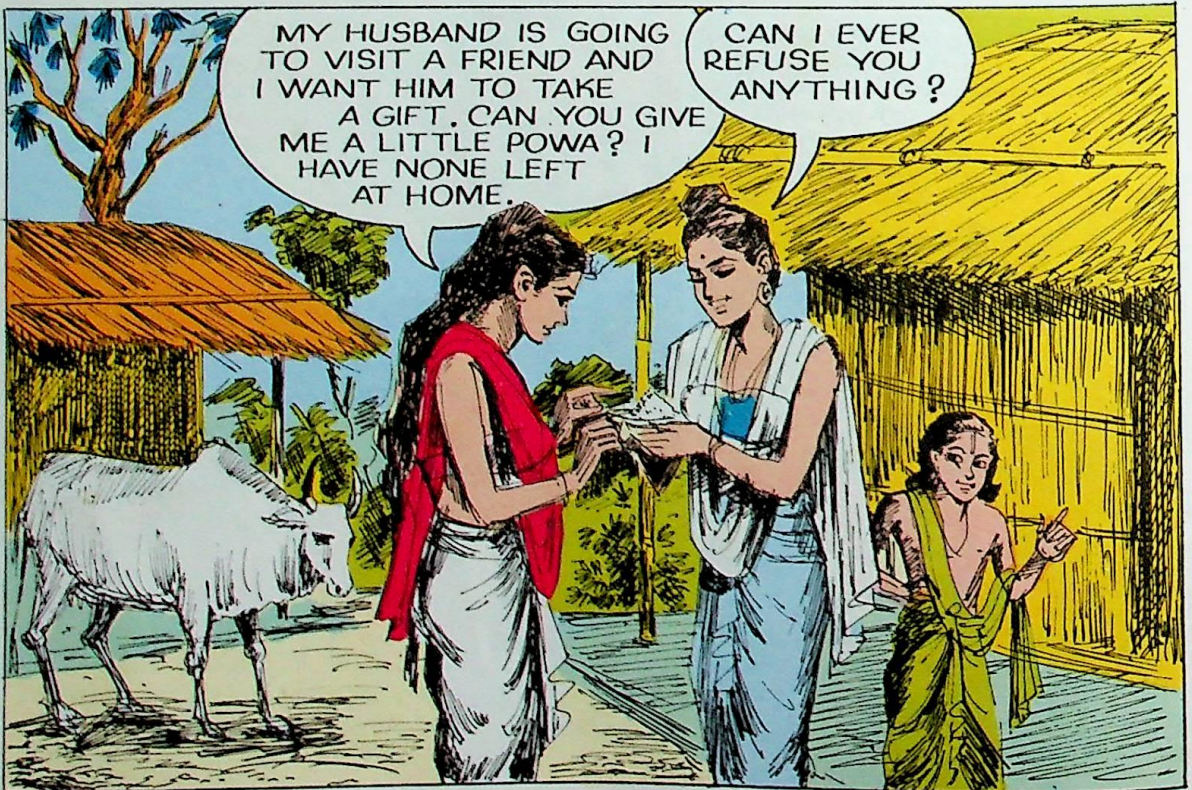
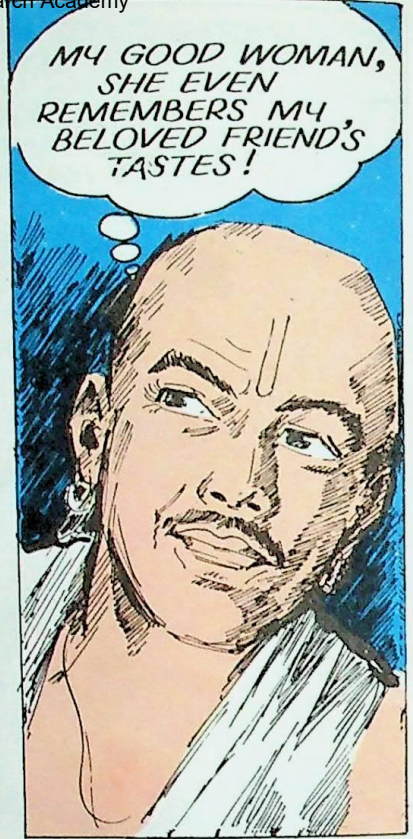
SUDAMA'S WIFE SUDDENLY REMEMBERED SOMETHING.

MY LORD USED TO TELL ME HOW KRISHNA LOVED TO EAT POWA*.



SUDAMA TOO REMEMBERED HOW KRISHNA HAD SNATCHED SOME POWA FROM HIS HAND.

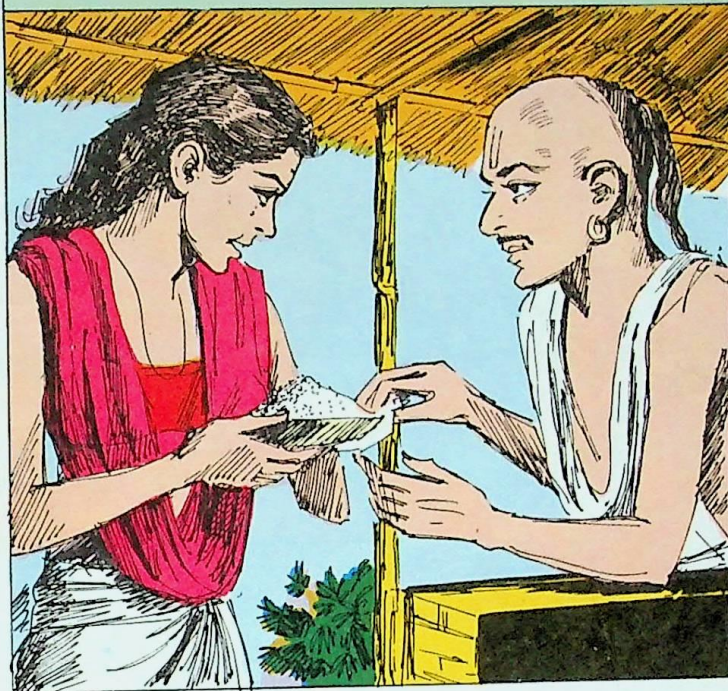
*FLATTENED RICE.



SUDAMA'S WIFE BROUGHT
THE POWA TO HIM.



BUT SHE COULD FIND NOTHING TO TIE
IT IN SO...



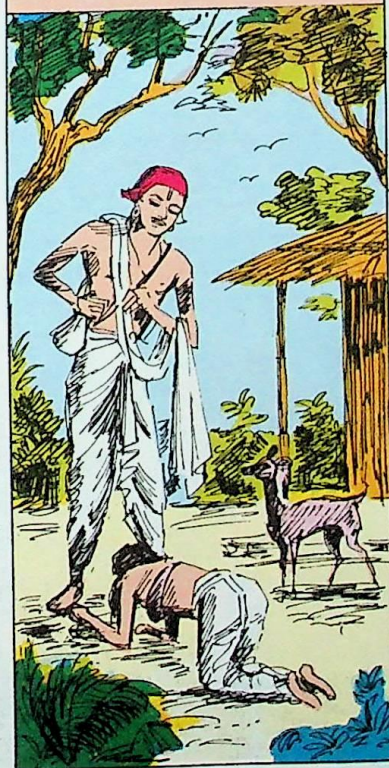
SHE TORE THE END
OF HER GARMENT...



...AND HANDED THE
BUNDLE OF POWA
TO SUDAMA.



HE TOOK LEAVE
OF HIS WIFE...



...AND SET OUT ON THE JOURNEY TO DWARKA.



THE ROUTE WAS AN INTERESTING,
THOUGH LONG ONE.

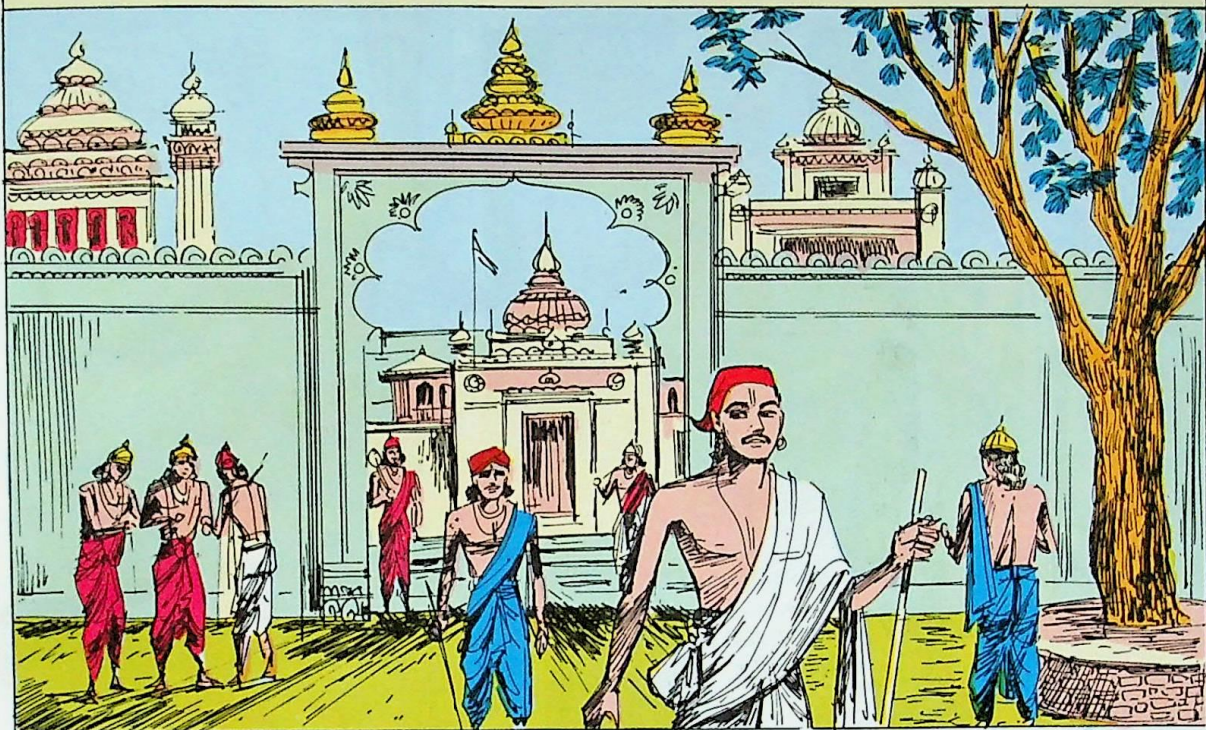


AND BEFORE HE KNEW IT, HE HAD REACHED DWARKA.



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WHEN HE CAME TO THE OPEN GATES OF THE PALACE AT DWARKA,
NO ONE STOPPED HIM AS HE ENTERED.



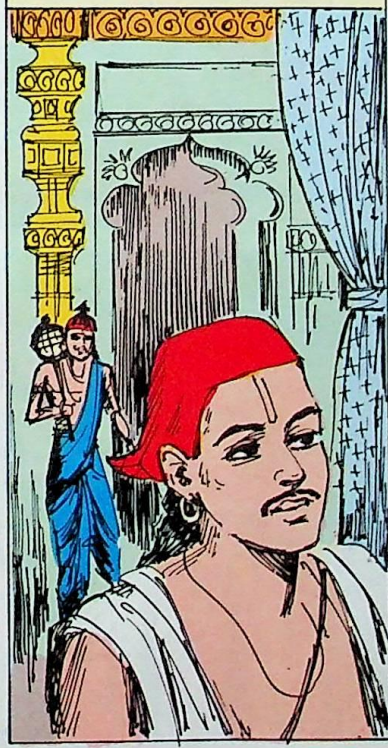
HE WALKED INTO
THE PALACE GROUNDS



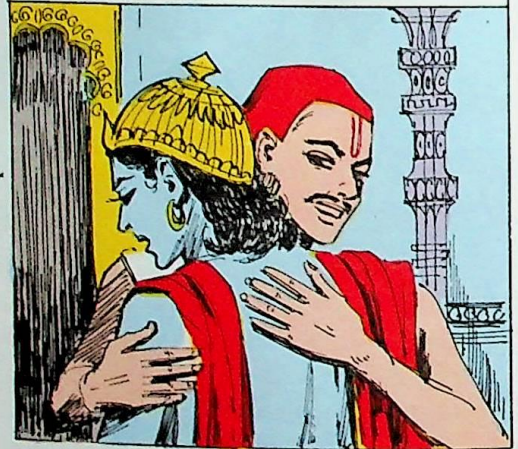
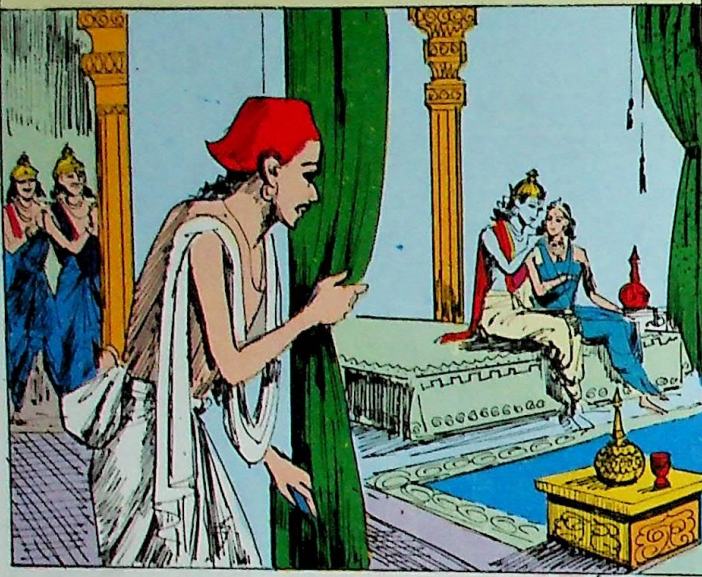
...AND THROUGH ROOM..

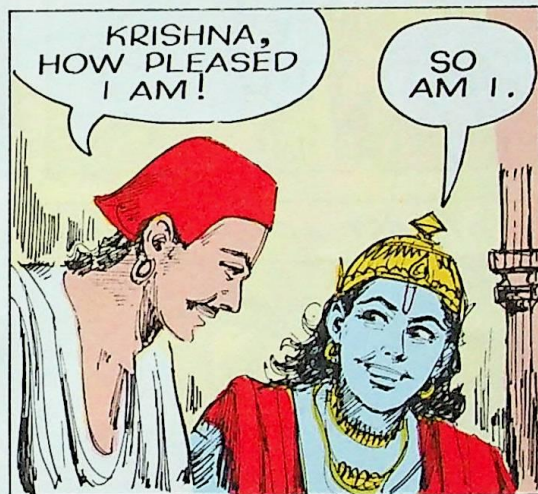
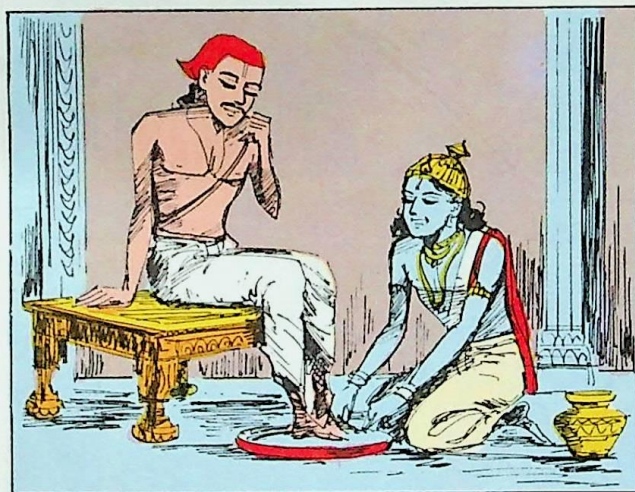
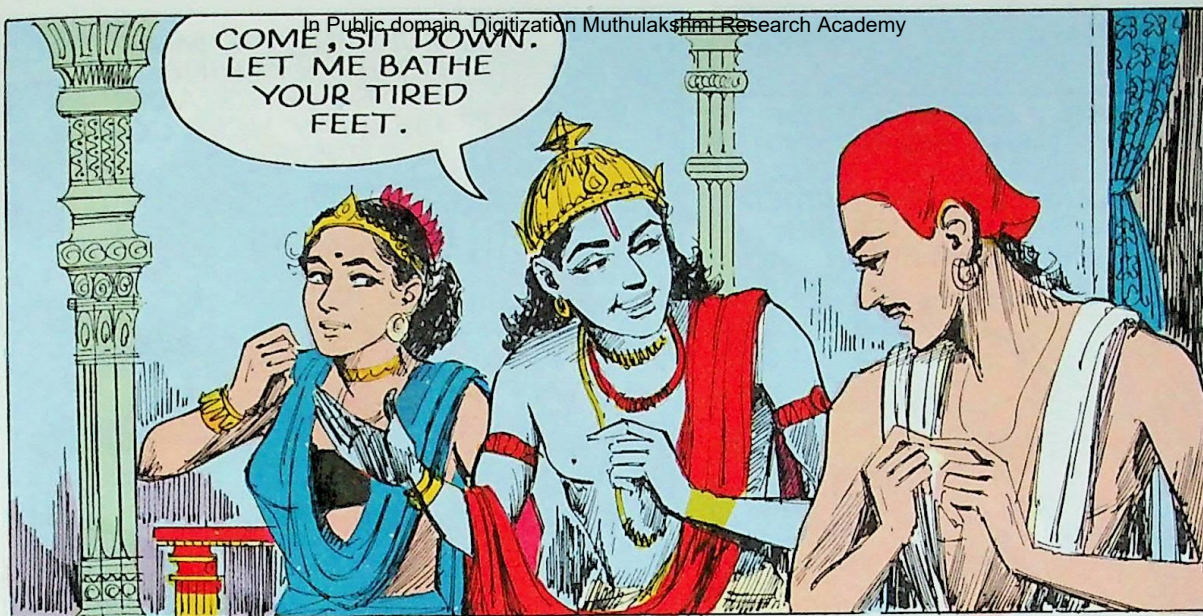


..AFTER ROOM.

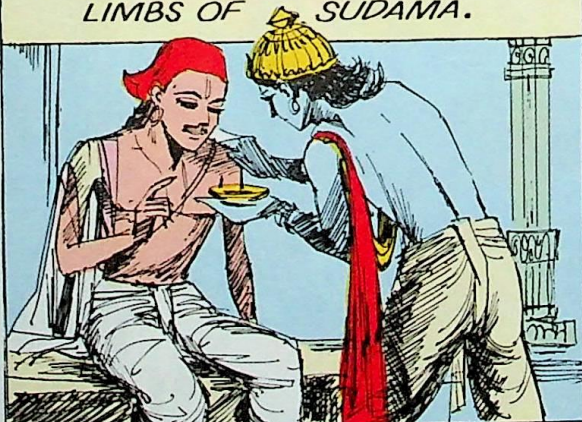


AT LAST HE FOUND KRISHNA AND RUKMINI.





KRISHNA APPLIED SANDALWOOD
PASTE TO SOOTHE THE TIRED
LIMBS OF SUDAMA.



AND PUT PIECES OF BETEL
NUT INTO HIS MOUTH.

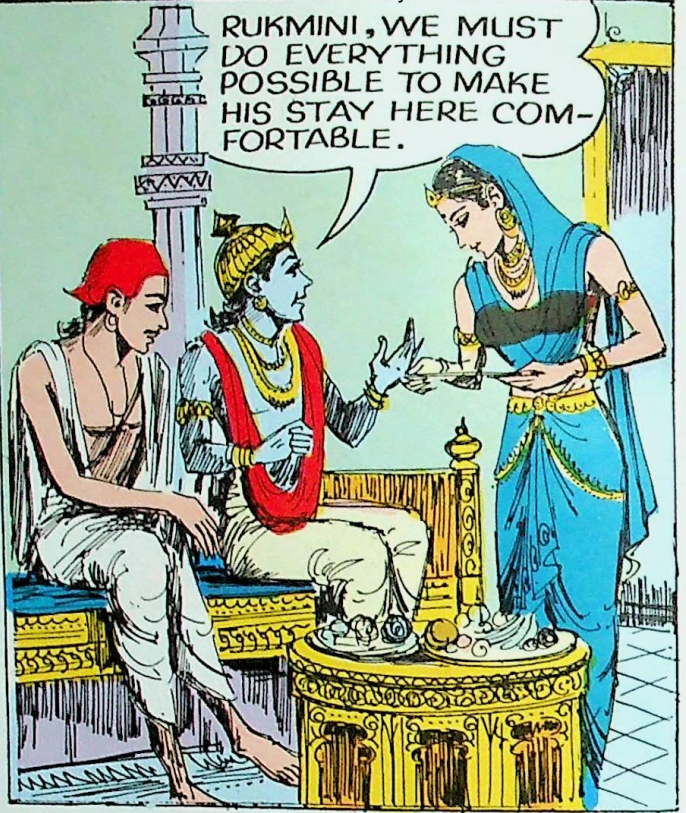


THE PALACE ATTENDANTS
WONDERED.

WHAT GREAT ACT OF
MERIT HAS THIS DIRTY
BEGGAR IN TATTERED
GARMENTS PERFORMED
TO BE SO DELIGHTFULLY
WELCOMED?



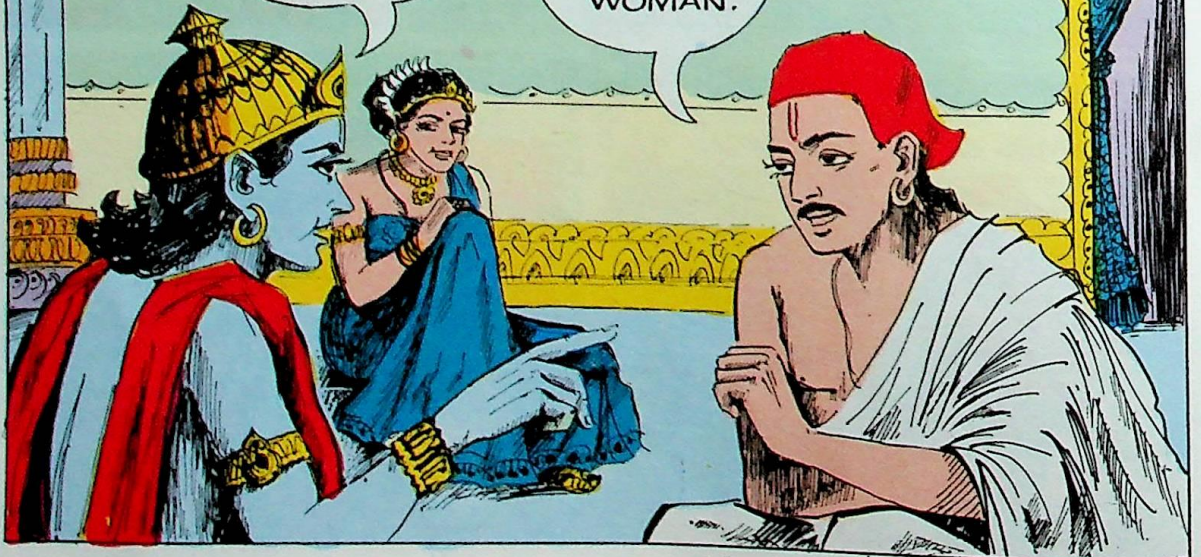
RUKMINI, WE MUST
DO EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO MAKE
HIS STAY HERE COM-
FORTABLE.

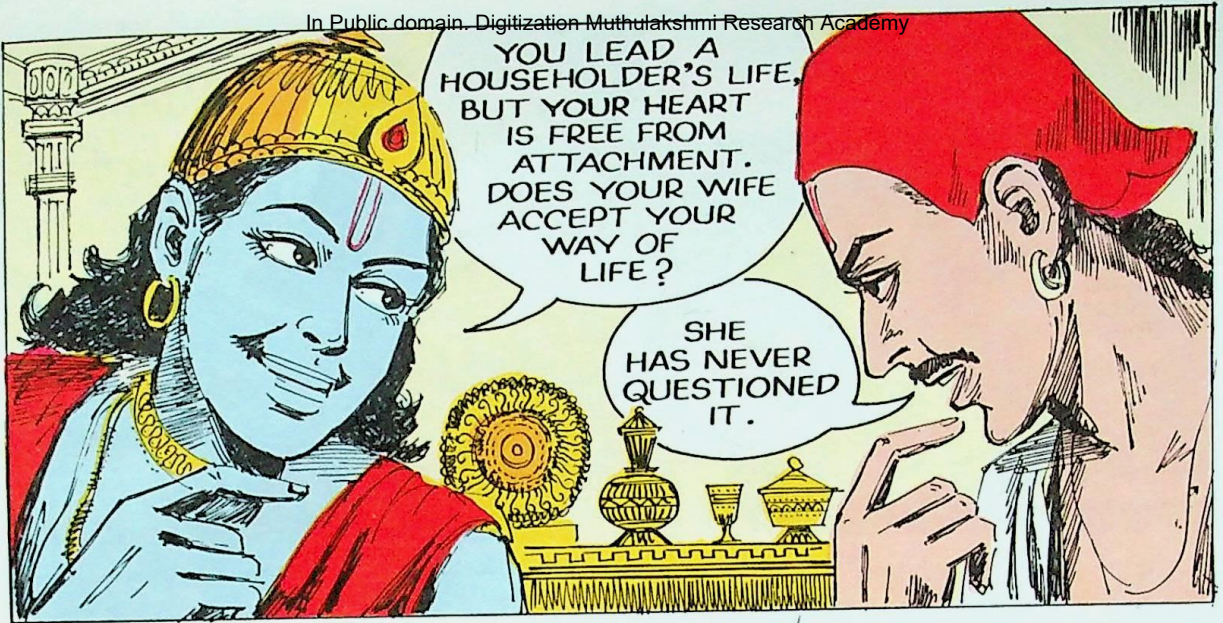


AT LAST AFTER SUDAMA WAS REFRESHED -

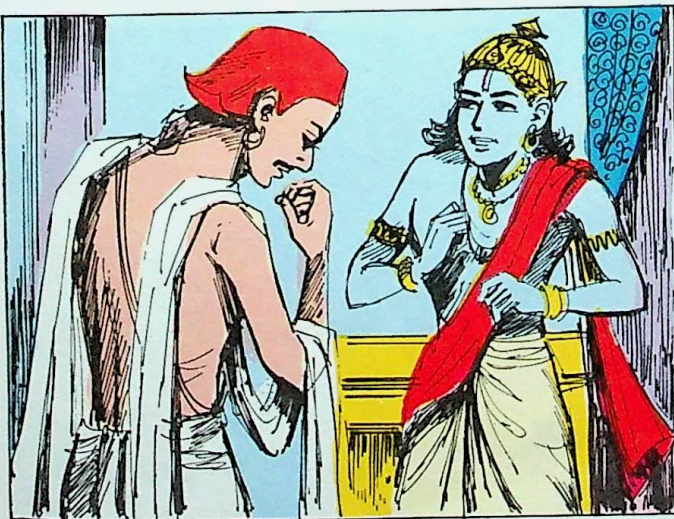
TELL ME,
HAVE YOU
MARRIED?

YES,
MY WIFE
IS A GOOD
BRAHMAN
WOMAN.





KRISHNA SAW THE RAG BUNDLE, TIED TO SUDAMA'S WAIST.

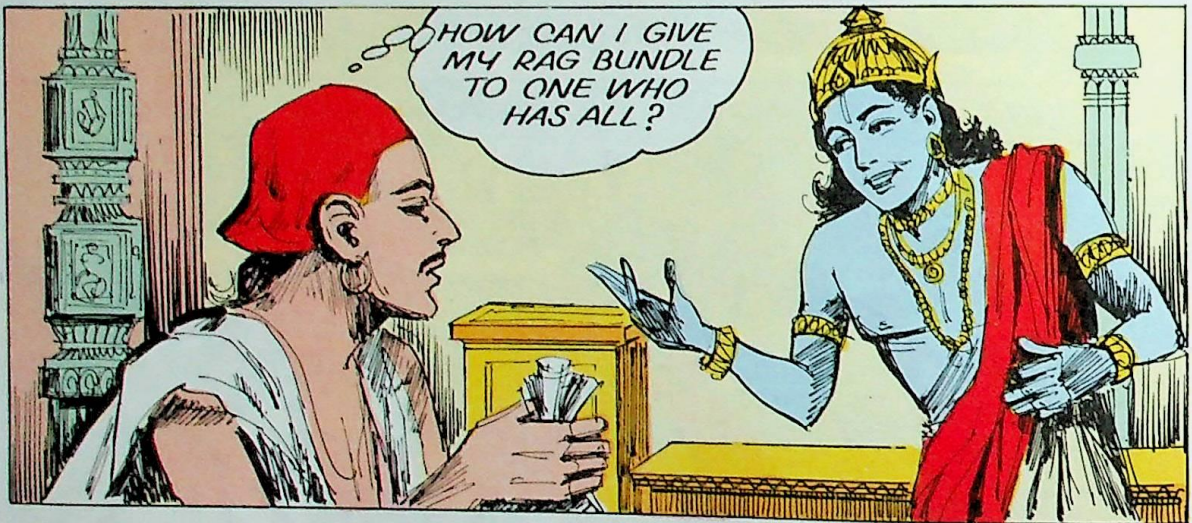


WHEN KRISHNA SAW THAT
SUDAMA WAS ASHAMED TO
GIVE HIM THE BUNDLE -

THE POOREST
OF GIFTS GIVEN
TO ME WITH LOVE
IS DEARER TO ME
THAN THE RICH-
EST OF GIFTS
GIVEN WITHOUT
LOVE.



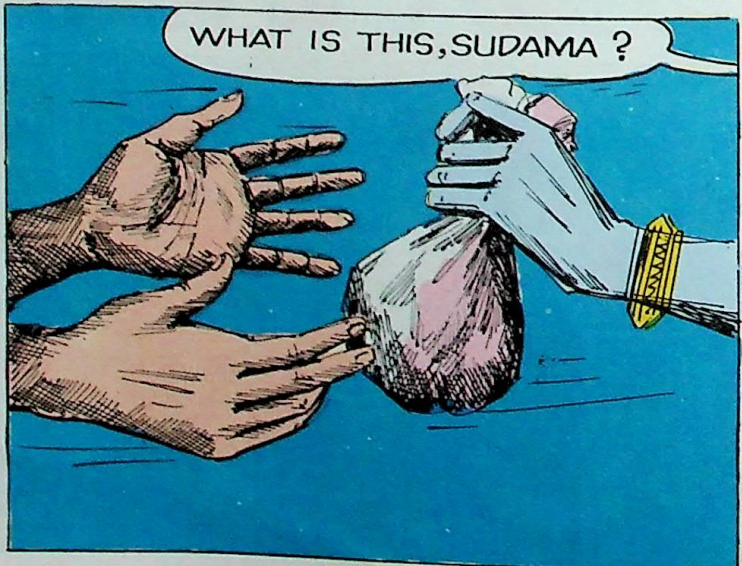
HOW CAN I GIVE
MY RAG BUNDLE
TO ONE WHO
HAS ALL?

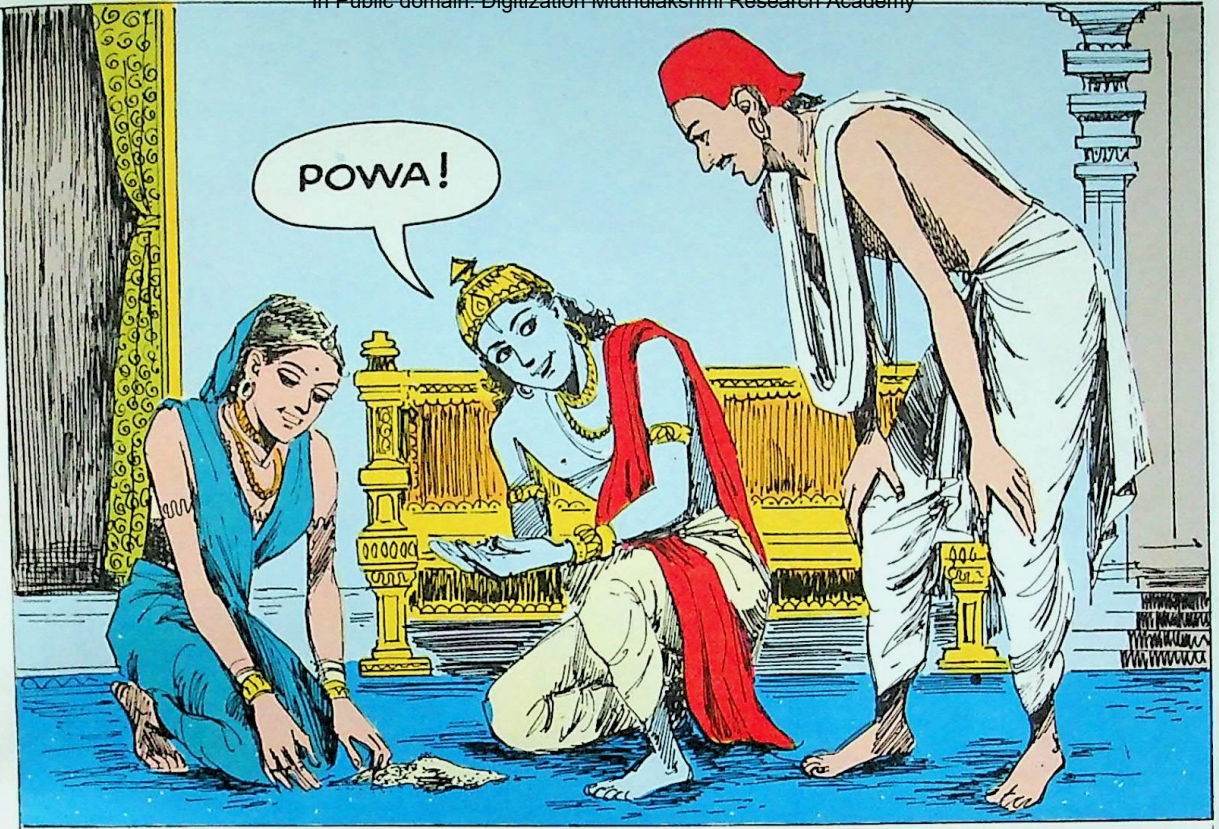


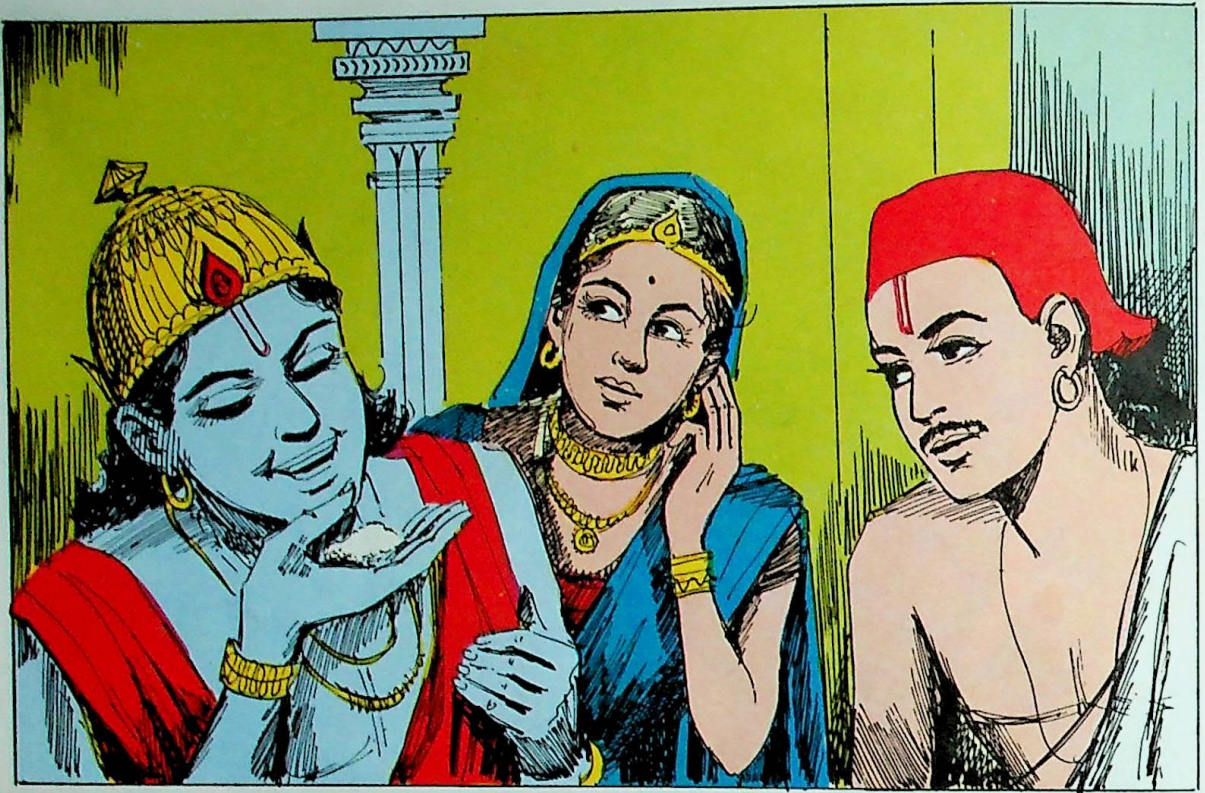
HE HAS NOT COME TO
ASK ANYTHING FOR
HIMSELF. HE HAS COME
OUT OF LOVE FOR HIS
WIFE AND ME!



WHAT IS THIS, SUDAMA ?





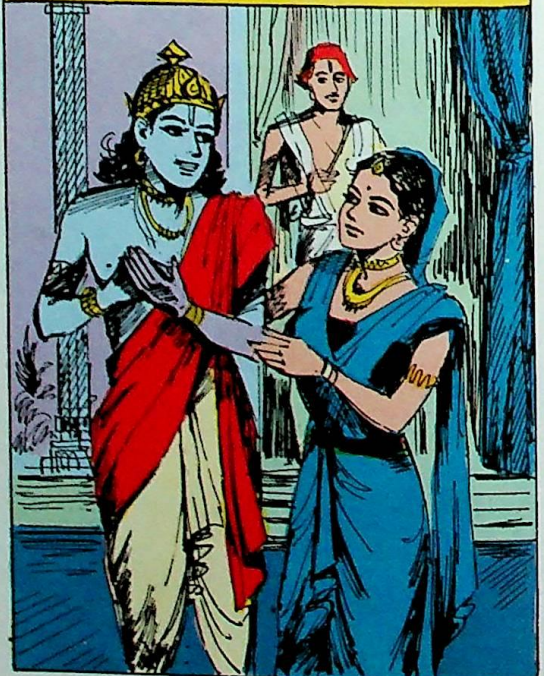


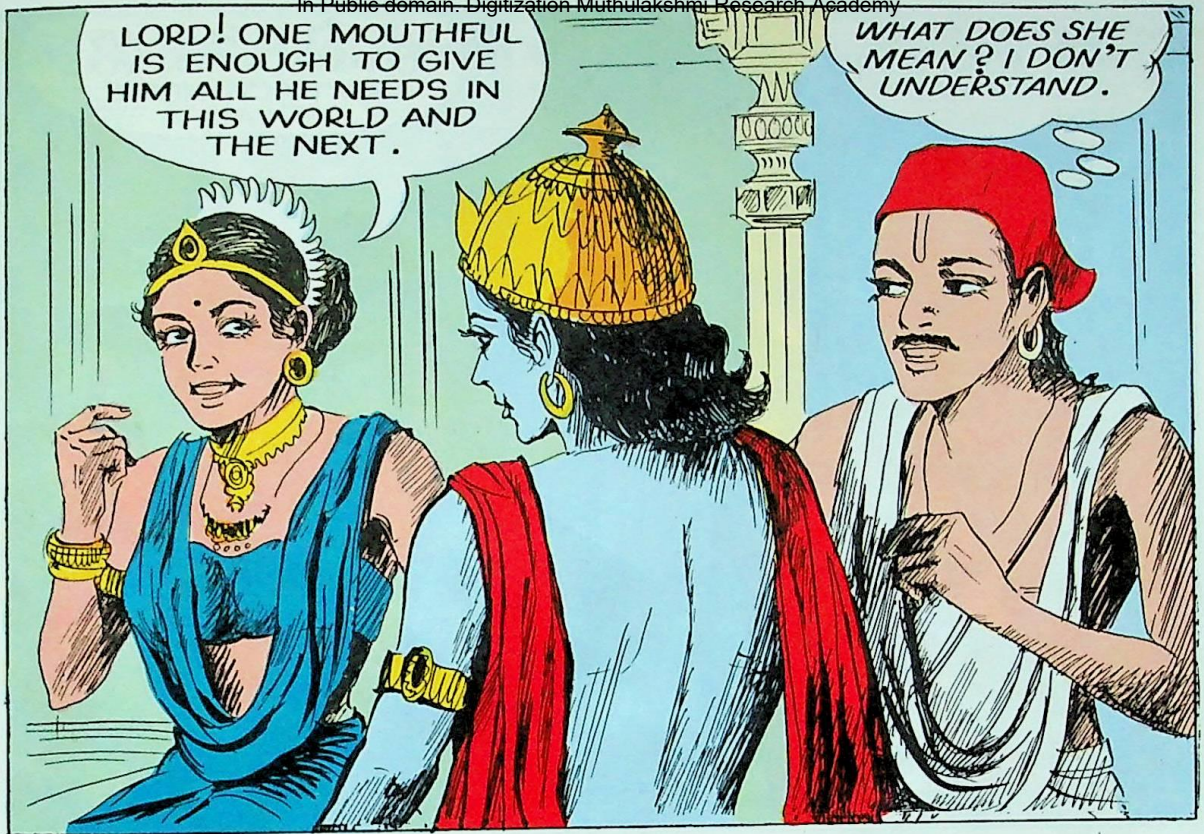
WHEN HE WAS ABOUT TO PICK A
SECOND HANDFUL -

ENOUGH,
MY LORD!



IT WAS THE DUTY OF THE
GODDESS OF PROSPERITY
INCARNATE TO CONTROL ITS
DISTRIBUTION.





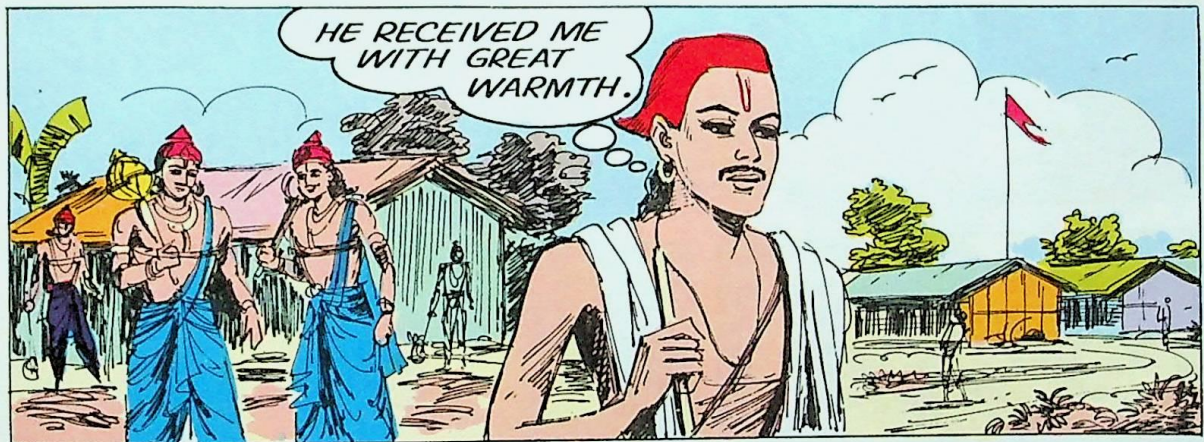
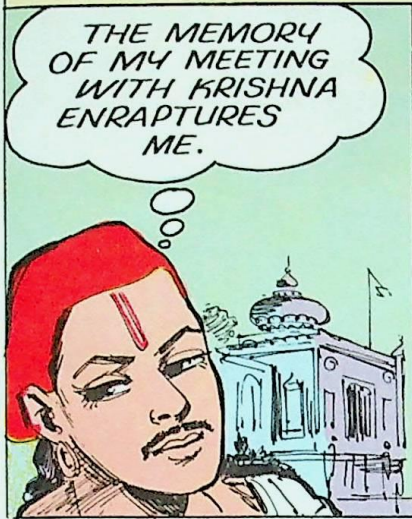
THE NEXT MORNING
SUDAMA TOOK LEAVE
OF KRISHNA AND
RUKMINI.



DON'T FORGET US,
SUDAMA, WHEN YOU
GO BACK HOME.



ON HIS WAY HOME, SUDAMA RELIVED HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES.



SUDAMA'S FEET ACHED.

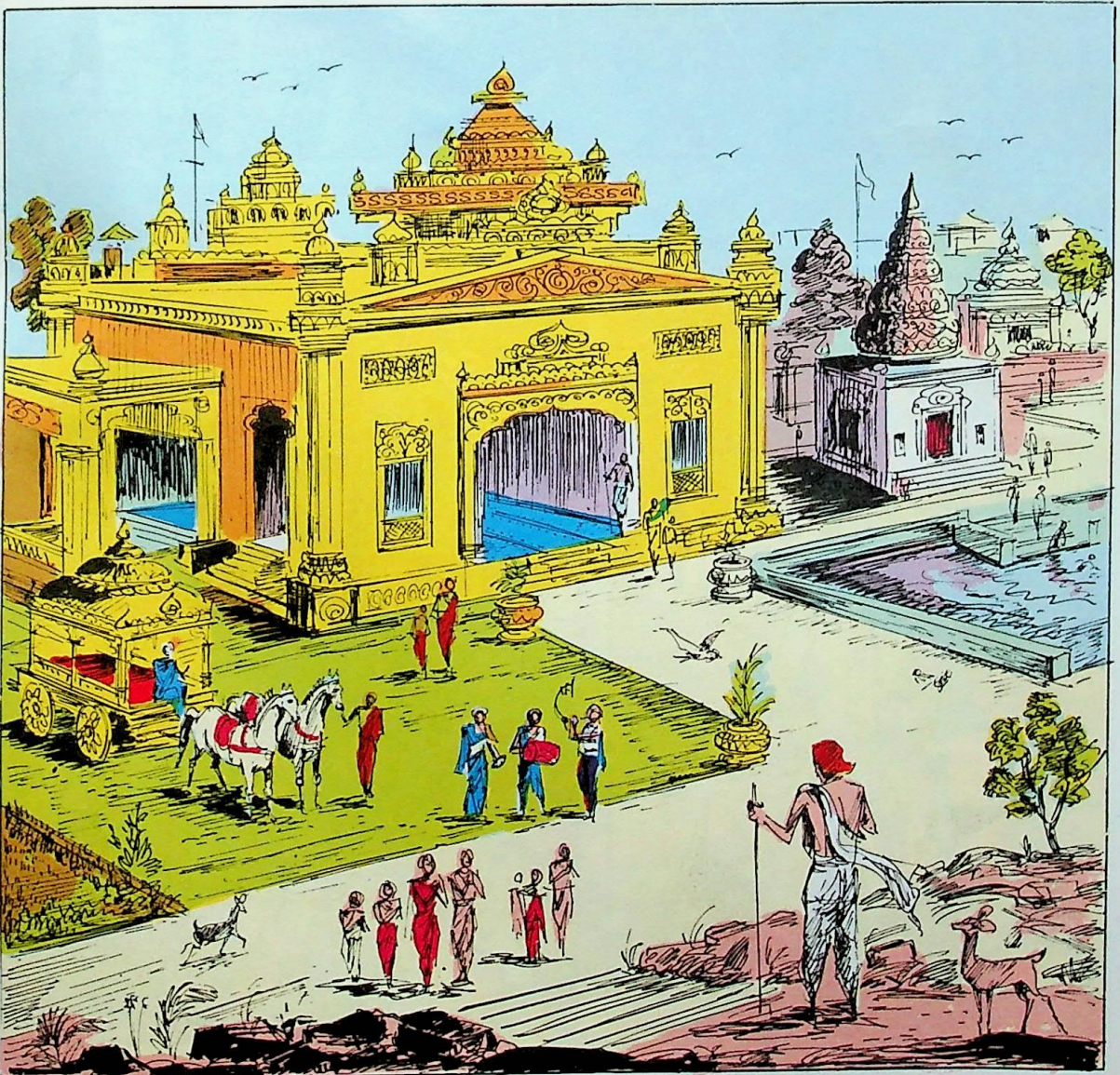
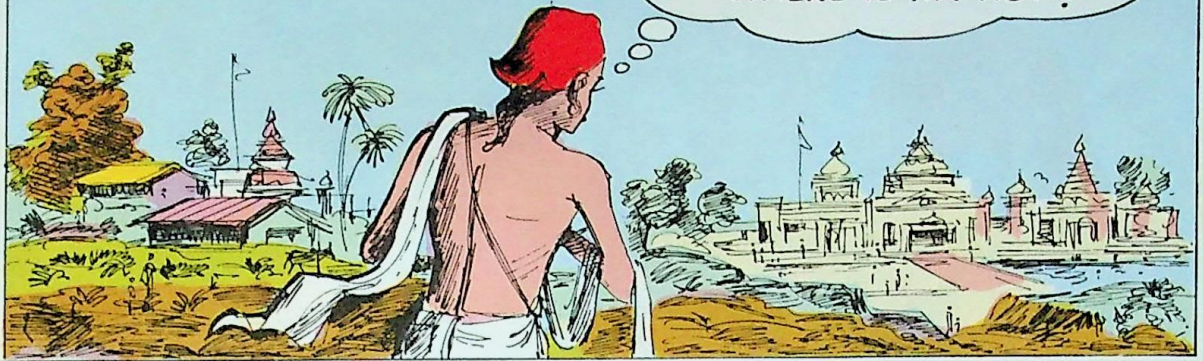


HE MUST HAVE
THOUGHT THAT IF HE
GAVE ME WEALTH,
I WOULD FORGET HIM.
HE HAS SAVED ME.
I AM FORTUNATE
INDEED.



*BUT WHEN HE NEARED HIS HOME_*

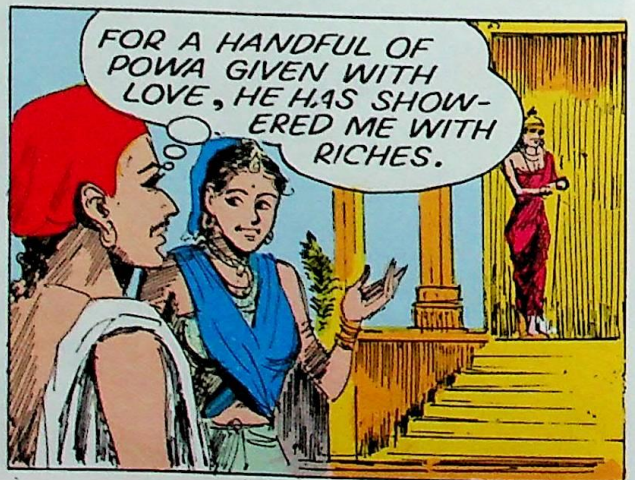
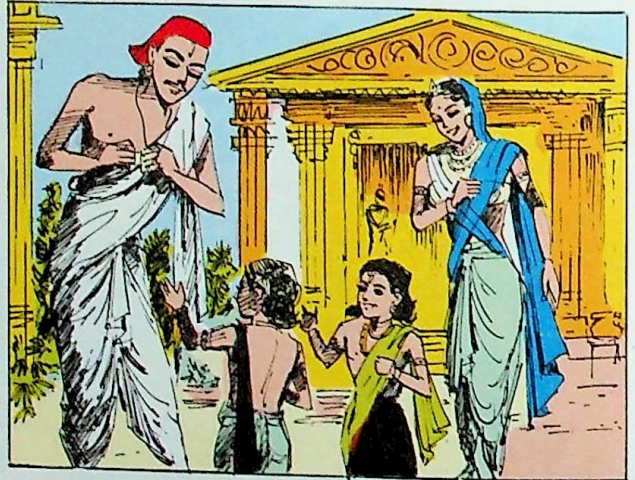
*WHAT IS ALL THIS ?
TO WHOM DOES IT BELONG ?
WHERE IS MY HUT ?*



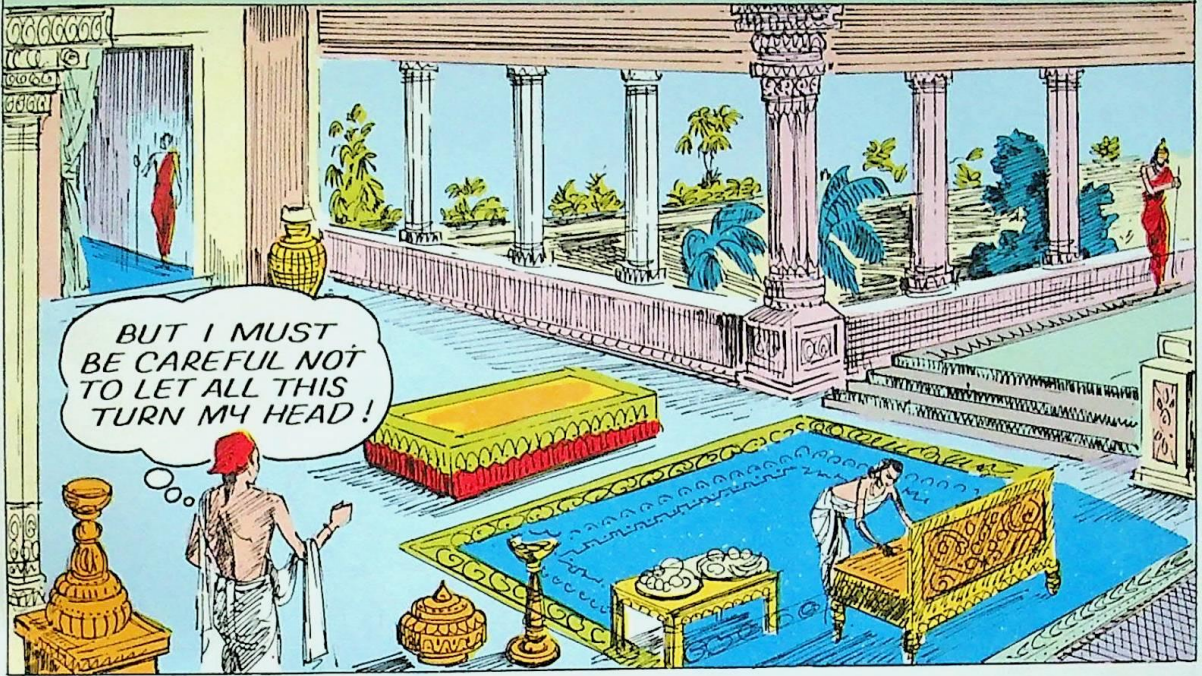
SUDAMA'S WIFE AND CHILDREN CAME OUT TO RECEIVE HIM.
BUT-



AND SUDAMA UNDERSTOOD ALL.



WHEN SUDAMA SAW THE LUXURY WITHIN -



*AND THEY TALKED ENDLESSLY ABOUT THE GLORY AND
GREATNESS OF LORD KRISHNA.*



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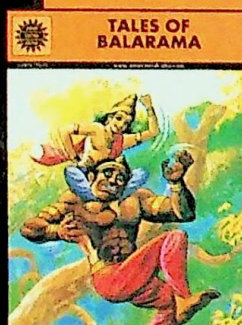
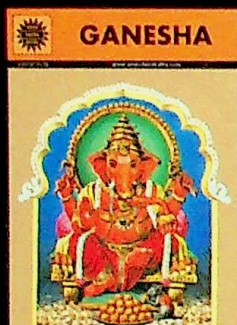
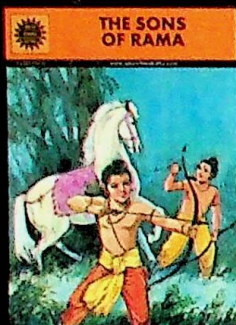


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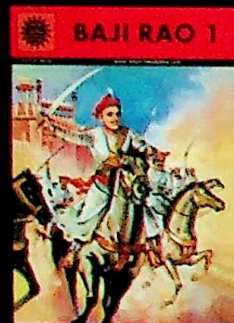
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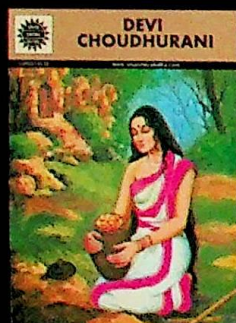
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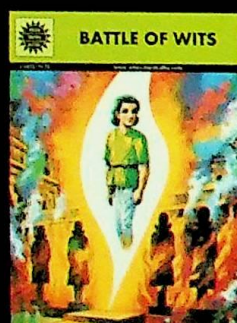
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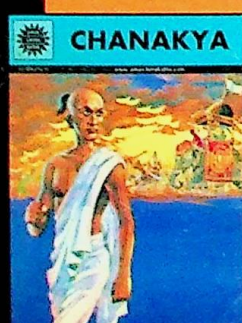
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